**Please see below 2 important announcements** regarding: 1) 2012-2013 SEE/S2E2 Application Now Available, and 2) **NEW!** MME Aggregate Data File Now Available.

### 1) 2012-2013 SEE/S2E2 Application Now Available

If your district operates or participates in a school or program that is exclusively for one of the following purposes:

- Alternative Education
- Early/Middle College
- Gifted & Talented
- Special Education

your program may benefit from participating in the "Sending Scores Back" accountability policy. Shared Educational Entities (SEEs) and Specialized Shared Educational Entities (S2E2s) that are approved to participate in the "Sending Scores Back" policy, will not receive an AYP status, accreditation grade, or school ranking for the 2012-2013 school year.

Programs that participated in the "Sending Scores Back" policy for the 2011-2012 must reapply to maintain their status as a SEE or S2E2 for the 2012-2013 school year.

The Evaluation Research and Accountability Unit will be holding an informational webinar on the "Sending Scores Back" policy for new or renewing SEEs/S2E2s on Thursday, **June 14**, **2012 at 10:00 a.m.** Please RSVP to MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov if you are interested in attending this live web presentation.

The 2012-2013 SEE/S2E2 application and supporting resources are available at <a href="https://www.michigan.gov/sees">www.michigan.gov/sees</a>. The deadline to apply is **August 17, 2012**.

## 2) NEW! MME Aggregate Data File Now Available

We are pleased to announce that an aggregate data file is now available for the Spring 2012 Michigan Merit Examination (MME). New this year, the MME aggregate data file can be accessed on the BAA Secure Site (<a href="https://www.michigan.gov/baa-secure">www.michigan.gov/baa-secure</a>).

This data file allow schools and districts to review summary data which previously was available only on the PDF or printed reports, or by districts aggregating data locally from the student data file. The BAA is pleased to offer this file as it provides an early look at school and district summary data.

It is <u>not permissible</u> to share any school- or district-level results from the aggregate data file with parents, the community, or other external parties until results are released to the public. School board meetings are open meetings; therefore, the sharing of embargoed assessment results at these meetings is not permissible until the public release. A date for the public release of the assessment data will be scheduled by the Michigan Department of Education soon.

\*\*In the meantime, aggregate data <u>can be shared</u> with teachers, administrators, internal committees and consultants who make use of the aggregate data for school improvement purposes.\*\* Please note individual student data is never embargoed and can be shared with students and parents now. Parent Reports should be sent to parents as soon as printed reports are received by the school/district.

# RELEASE OF SCHOOL AND DISTRICT RESULTS IN ADVANCE OF THE PUBLIC RELEASE (DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED) IS PROHIBITED AND WILL JEOPARDIZE THIS COURTESY FOR SCHOOLS AND DISTRICTS IN THE FUTURE.

Information Included in the MME Aggregate Data File (ADF)

The ADF includes aggregate data by grade, subject, school, district, demographic subgroup, and performance levels. These are the aggregations that can be found in the Demographic Reports when they become available in PDF and paper formats. See the section on downloading below for information about how to obtain a guide to the ADF.

#### Downloading the MME ADF file

If you have a User ID and Password for the BAA Secure Site, you can access the ADF file by clicking on "Student Test Scores" from the menu at the left, and selecting the Spring 2012 MME test cycle. Once you have selected the test cycle, a guide to the ADF is available at the bottom of the page. If you do not have access, please contact your district assessment coordinator for assistance.

### Questions?

Please email us at <u>baa@michigan.gov</u> or call 877-560-8378 and select the appropriate menu option.